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The year of the Owl



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Letter from the Director



It's been said that in life the only thing you can count on is change. This has been a constant in my life and it's time for change again. I'll be leaving the Wildlife Center as Executive Director and leaving Lubbock to seek my fortune. I have very fond memories of the Center and want to mention a few of the memories that I will carry with me from this beautiful place.

I will of course remember many of the animals that came through our doors that touched my heart: the electrocuted Ferruginous hawk that was driven to my door at 9:30 at night that couldn't stand, had feet twisted into balls, but it still had the feistiness that allowed him to recover and be released. I'll remember the sweet woman that called about a robin she thought had been attacked by a cat; she was worried about the babies that the robin was tending. I asked if she would be willing to bring the robin to us and let me give it an antibiotic shot and then take it back. She drove the bird willingly across town for the shot and also left a donation.

As I go outside, I do my bobwhite whistle and "Hungry Bird" comes each summer to take food back to her babies. There's also a Blue Jay, one of the jays I raised and released, who I hear mimicking my whistle. I wonder if Hungry Bird ever thinks it's me whistling. I know there are volunteers who the Blue Jay has misled!

I'll remember all the volunteers who work in what I call the black hole. Just when you think you reached escape velocity, you remember something that still needs to be done, or someone appears with an animal that needs your care and you're sucked back into the black hole. Almost no one is able to leave to go home on a first attempt. Everyone who has volunteered at the Center can identify with that

and the forgetfulness syndrome that comes over us all when there is so much to do that you go into a room and forget what you were coming in to do. To each of you I will remember your commitment, your love of all the animals and your willingness to go the extra mile when a special case arrives.

I'm sure I will continue to help rehabilitate the wild things with which we share the planet. I hope all of you who receive this newsletter and all the future ones will continue to look kindly on the Wildlife Center and continue your support with open hands and open hearts.

Dorothy

Letter from the Founder



It's hard to believe a year has passed since my retirement became official, June 1, 2008. I remain involved, contributing to our spwrc.org web site, putting the quarterly newsletter together and serving

as a member of the Board of Directors. I've resisted the urge to bring home even the first baby bird to raise, have spent more quality time with my pets, enjoyed pursuing my family history and even spent more time doing long-overdue things around our house. In May I went home to Allentown, PA and again stayed with my cousin Dianne. It was the first time in twenty years I had the opportunity to go during spring, because I was always well into baby season raising songbirds other years often by early April. The trip was wonderful; pink and white dogwoods were in full bloom as were azaleas. We visited five area cemeteries in search of ancestors, and found the resting place of a

Cover: A trio of Common Barn Owl Chicks
Photo by Gail Barnes

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Letter from the Founder, continued

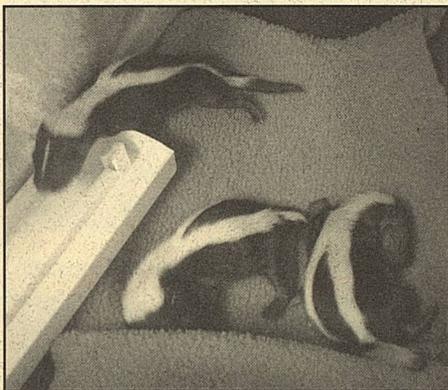
number of forebears. We reconnected with a delightful 93 year old relative, Louise Kropf, whose father first helped me with family tree information when I was in 9th grade and had to write an autobiography.

We also met a second cousin, Tom MacAdam, who joined us one day for lunch and an afternoon of story and picture sharing and fond reminiscences all around.

I learned of my successor's imminent resignation when I returned, and Dorothy will be missed. I understand fully her desire to spend more time with hands-on animal care and less time writing grants, planning fundraising events and raising funds, as that was my preference as well. Dorothy was a quick study and learned the ropes of the administrative tasks easily. Her computer skills were definitely an asset and made both our jobs a lot easier as she handled databases, finances and paperwork with ease.

I hope our Board will be successful in finding someone competent to fill her shoes. That being said, I want to wish her much luck in any and all of her new pursuits, and hope Dorothy will be able to find her dream job along the way..

Carol



Three good reasons to help support the Wildlife Center

These baby skunks are growing fast and crawling around in the incubator

Volunteer Spotlight :

Shelia Johnson was born and raised in Lubbock. She's employed by Lubbock's Southwest Plastic Surgery Center. She's worked in the plastic surgery field for eighteen years. The majority of her work experience has been in the medical - plastic and reconstructive surgery field.



Shelia Johnson

She volunteered with the Haven, (a local animal rescue facility); South Plains Humane Society and Hearts and Hooves, a miniature horse therapy organization. She said she loves working with animals and organizing fundraising events.

In her spare time, Shelia enjoys visiting arts and craft shows.

Her husband of eighteen years, Barry Johnson, is also a Wildlife Center volunteer. They have one daughter, Tandy, employed at Davidson Taylor Salon in Lubbock.

Barry is also an advocate for wild animal rescue and rehabilitation. He enjoys working with Percy the pelican, and the mammals. The Johnsons are both passionate about animal rescue and prevention of cruelty to animals. They have three rescue dogs, two Shih Tzu's and one Shih-Tzu - poodle mix that they love and the animals are a very important part of their family. "These rescues came to us as a result of our volunteer work. I must say, they run our house and each has their own personality. Sometimes we think that they just let us live there!"

Shelia says, "I enjoy coordinating the semi-annual open house events at the Wildlife Center. Planning and decorating is right up my

alley. Informing people of the needs of the Center and hearing their own wildlife stories is amusing and saddening at the same time. Knowing that after an animal is rehabilitated at the Wildlife Center, it can be released back into the wild makes everything we do worth the efforts and that there is light at the end of the tunnel - they're given a second chance at life! We often get to record their progress after they leave the Wildlife Center. It's very sad to see an animal that is admitted that has no hope and isn't a good candidate for rehabilitation. That breaks my heart and this is the only situation that really is hard for me to handle."

Shelia says she's thankful for the volunteer experience the Center gave her and for everything she's learned along the way.

Thanks for all you do, Shelia!.....Ed.

May Fundraiser

We were really excited to have our yearly fundraiser at the McPherson Cellars Winery. They were so kind to let us take over their beautiful winery with silent auction items, a slide show and tables full of food. Funds raised that evening were \$6985.79. We are very appreciative of the area merchants and businesses that donated silent auction items. Look over this list of fundraiser donors on this page and if you patronize them, please thank them for their support of the Wildlife Center.

A very special thank you to the teachers and students at Ramierez Charter School for the beautiful baskets they created to be auctioned off! Thanks also to the people behind the scenes who solicited auction items and those who were helpful preparing for the event before and after the gala.

Fundraiser Donors

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May Fundraiser



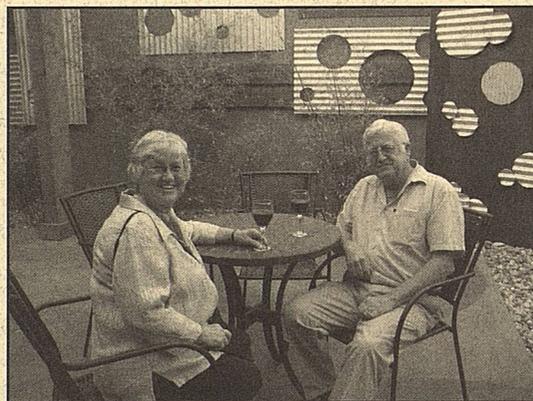
Gail Barnes, Maggie and Danny Hancock and Dr. Jeanette Lubenau enjoy the evening at McPhersonCellars

Fundraiser Donors, continued

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Clarice and Floyd Robertson enjoy a glass of wine on the winery's patio

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Loss of two wonderful wildlife ambassadors

"Louie," an Eastern Screech Owl, was one of our wonderful "Wildlife Ambassadors." He died suddenly March 23, 2009.

The little owl was transferred here from a wildlife rehabilitator in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1996. Admitted at the wildlife facility there as a youngster, it was quickly determined he was completely blind. It's possible his mother was aware of this defect and removed him from the nest, or he may have fallen and sustained a head injury.

Birds in rehabilitation settings may only be kept for ninety days according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit regulations. Regulations require non-releasable birds to be euthanized if they can't be placed in another facility to be used for educational purposes. Louie already had had one time extension and his time was running out.

When we read about him on the Animal Placement List with his almost-certain fate, we were only too happy to adopt him and make him a legal and permanent resident at our Wildlife Center.

He arrived on American Airlines. Since then, this wonderful owl enchanted children and adults as he accompanied volunteers to schools and groups for environmental education presentations.

His best friend was another little Screech Owl "Athena," who's missing an eye.

They shared a cage and enjoyed each others' companionship for a long time. Louie, you'll definitely be missed. See photos, page 12.

Our Eastern Gray squirrel "Cash" died April 16th after a very long life. He was a dwarf squirrel that the Wildlife Center used for education for over twelve years.

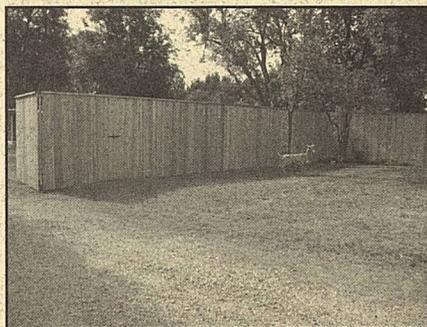
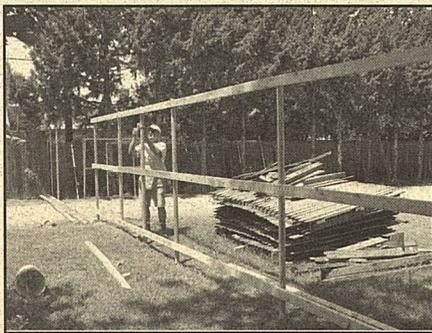
He was brought in by a man named Mr. Cash so volunteers named him "Cash." His teeth continued to grow and had to be trimmed frequently. He never would have survived in the wild. "Louie" and "Cash" will both certainly be missed.

Improvements

We recently made several necessary capital improvements including a walkway in front of our new baby bird building as well as one in the rear of the property near "Ambassador Row."

Several weeks ago, a vehicle tore our drive-through gate off its hinges, and after receiving compensation, we replaced the gate and surrounding fence with a new, higher, more secure fence.

It looks much better, and will provide both privacy and security to the back of the property.



Brick Walkway

SPWRC designed a way for everyone to have an opportunity to leave a permanent mark on the Wildlife Center. A Memorial Brick Walkway was created - a walkway of memories composed of individual bricks inscribed with names, personal messages, or memorable quotes. This is a wonderful way to support the Center while honoring a family member, friend or pet. Bricks are \$50.00 each.

The walk is an attractive brick pathway in front of the amphitheater on the Center's grounds. Each commemorative or memorial brick along the walk is available for purchase and will be inscribed according to your wishes. The 4"x 8" size will accommodate up to three lines with a maximum of 15 characters per line. All inscribed bricks will hopefully be set by our June Open House, June 20th. This project will be ongoing until all bricks are sold.

Please make a donation and communicate your own love of our native wildlife and the Wildlife Center that's been caring for them for the past twenty-one years. Special thanks to Beth Bartley for spearheading and executing this plan. You can download the form from our web site by visiting spwrc.org and click on the link on the left, or go to: http://spwrc.org/pdf/Brick_Order_Form.pdf

Brick Walkway contributors this quarter:

Danny and Maggie Hancock
Carol Lee
Sabrina Robbins
Josh and Angie Stephens
Dorothy Tinkler

Tributes

Memorials

W.G. and Mary Jane Davis sent a donation in Memory of Rhonda Madrid. Jerry and Beverly Wilbanks were notified of their gift.

The staff of Brown Interior Solutions made a donation in Memory of Virginia (Judy) Lee. Jay and Elaine Lee of Amarillo and Jamie McCann of Lubbock were notified.

Ronald Gammage of Plainview made a donation in Memory of Virginia (Judy) Lee. Jay and Elaine Lee of Amarillo were notified of his kind gift.

Ruben Castillo and Susie Williamson made a donation in Memory of Virginia (Judy) Lee. Jamie McCann and family were notified.

Ann and Jon Bush of Amarillo, TX, also made a donation in Memory of Virginia (Judy) Lee. The Lees of Amarillo, TX, were notified.

Jon and Nancy Riches also made a donation in Memory of Virginia (Judy) Lee. Jamie McCann of Lubbock was notified of their kind gift.

Sharon and Jim Beauchamp made a donation in Memory of Virginia (Judy) Lee. Judy's family in Littlefield were notified.

Brent and Kay Lynn Caviness of Amarillo, TX, also made a donation in Memory of Judy Lee. Jamie McCann of Lubbock and Jay and Elaine Lee of Amarillo were notified of their Memorial gift.

Adam and Mary Jane Scott of Fairview, TX, made a donation in Memory of Jesse Mattox.

Consider giving a gift as a Tribute to Honor or Memorialize a loved one. Your donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, and help provide food, supplies and care for the thousands of wildlife orphans and casualties that have been admitted since 1988.

Summer 2009 is year of the Owl



Common Barn Owl chicks

Baby owl season started in April this year. Thus far we've admitted twenty-one baby Barn Owls and fourteen baby Great Horned Owls.

These owls arrived from other areas in Texas including Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Big Spring, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, and the Lubbock area. The smallest Barn Owl was about two days old and with a clutch of five other owls ranging up to twelve days old.

Owl rehabilitator Gail Barnes released seven Great Horned Owls May 31st about twenty miles east of Lubbock. On June 6th, volunteer Barry Johnson released four Barn Owls (along with six opossums) on his property in Crosby County.

The Abilene Reporter News ran a story about a Great Horned Owl that was cut from a barbed wire fence and brought to the Wildlife Center in Lubbock.

A couple in Snyder, Texas, brought the owl to Gail and she took the bird to Above and Beyond Pet Care Hospital where Dr. Blaine Oden stitched the owl's wing.

Parts of the wing didn't have enough skin to stitch. Volunteers cleaned the area every day and give our patient Baytril, an antibiotic, twice a day for a week.

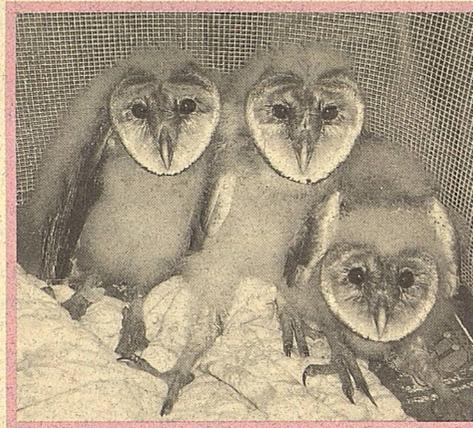
After ten days, Gail put the bird in the stable where it had two rooms to fly around in. The owl immediately flew to a high perch.

Gail kept it two weeks to watch for infection and then called the couple to come back and pick up the owl. The owl had a mate and the Snyder couple wanted the owl to be reunited with it.

Much of the credit goes to Dr. Blaine Oden for the owl's second chance. (Photos on this page by Art McCasland, Gail Barnes and Carol Lee).



Great Horned Owl chick



Barn Owl chicks grow quickly

Did you know?

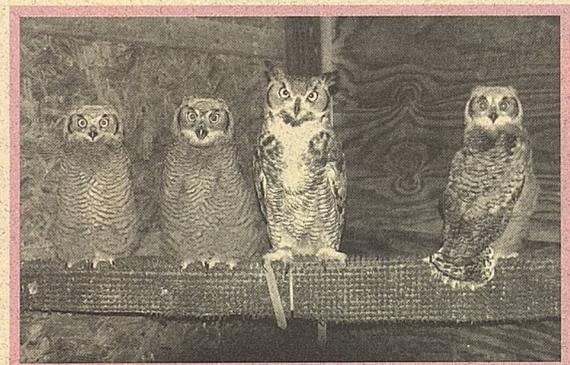
Owls are depicted in cave paintings in France that date back 15,000 to 20,000 years.

Owls also were depicted in Egyptian hieroglyphics.

*Photo Right:
Bubo and her teenagers*



Mom Bubo provides excellent foster care for orphaned GHO chicks



Species profile: American Robin



American Robin sitting on Nest

Robins familiar sight on suburban lawns

Virtually all baby birds are endearing and cute, especially as they transform from bulgy-eyed, fuzzy nestlings into animated, chirpy fledglings with new, beautiful feathers that quickly emerge over their miniature bodies. Baby robins go through a more striking transformation than some birds as they mature, and many people fail to recognize them when they come across a fledgling or juvenile.

Robins are everywhere, and have been on the Texas South Plains in strong numbers for the past five years or more indicating that we have attractive habitat. This year, robins are assured lots of earthworms and insects found hiding in the lush green grass and moist soil, thanks to spring and early summer rains. Robins were equally numerous during my May trip home to Pennsylvania.

One of the most recognized and enjoyed birds in North America, the robin (*Turdus migratorius*) is our largest thrush, about ten inches long.

As nestlings, robins are mostly naked with whitish down on their heads, neck and back, and they have pointed yellow beaks. The nestlings' large, brightly-colored, yellow mouths are easy targets for parents returning with

food.

Baby robins closely resemble mockingbird nestlings for the first few days until each species' characteristic markings appear, or they make their distinctive robin trill or the mockingbird's high pitched "peep." Initially, their eyes are closed.

Robin youngsters will look like the parents when they're older. The fledgling's breast isn't the dark red color of the adult, but instead rusty colored and heavily speckled with black with only a touch of that dark coloration along the outer edges of the chest feathers. This plumage is molted in late summer or early fall, depending on when the individual hatched.

Robins are found from Canada south to Guatemala. Noted for feeding in lawns where it finds worms, an old wives' tale says robins "hear" their quarry.

In reality, however, robins use their eyes to locate prey, cocking their heads this way and that to watch for movement, and then pluck worms and bugs from the soil by sight. A robin's eyes are on the side of its head, so the bird must tilt its head to see objects directly in front of it.

Robins use grasses and soft mud to build their sturdy nests, and prefer nest sites in dense shrubbery or trees. They'll also use a platform, but not a conventional bird-house with a hole.

Nest platforms are easy to make or you can purchase one from a commercial bird specialty shop online. Robins are tolerant of human activity and sometimes nest on a shelf in a barn or shed. Eggs are laid in clutches of 3-5 and are a characteristic blue color, hence the shade of deep blue referred to as "robins-egg blue."

Good parents, robins vigorously defend their offspring, so please don't kidnap healthy, active fledglings; let the parents raise and protect them, and teach them necessary survival

July, so we'll see lots of robin youngsters for the next several months.

After rearing families, large nomadic robin flocks form and range across the country in search of berries as they shift from their breeding season diet of insects and earthworms to become almost entirely vegetarian.

Berries and other fruits make up over half of the robin's diet. Earthworms, caterpillars, sowbugs and snails are among animal foods eaten. Occasionally robins will take a small snake, butterfly or mouse.

By September, American Robins are moving south from far northern areas, but not all robins are migratory.

We see robins year-round here, but fewer of them as our weather gets colder.

Occasionally large robin flocks pass through our area in the midst of winter.

Robins are often one of the first birds to sing in the morning and at dusk and sometimes even throughout the day.



American robin nest and three eggs

Enjoy our brightly colored visitors as they skirt along lawns and in gardens, always in search of their next meal.

(Photos on this page are courtesy of Mr. Ardis McCasland of Big Spring, Texas).

NEWS and NOTES

Sincere thanks to the Lubbock Area Foundation for their additional donation of \$1,000. These resources are earmarked for three things: food and supplies for our Seducational birds of prey; food and supplies for our wildlife patients in rehabilitation and for veterinary supplies. Our wonderful veterinarians don't charge us for their skills and services, but we do pay for supplies, and costs add up rapidly. The Foundation's assistance helps reduce our burden on having to generate this amount independently, and we are very grateful to LAF.



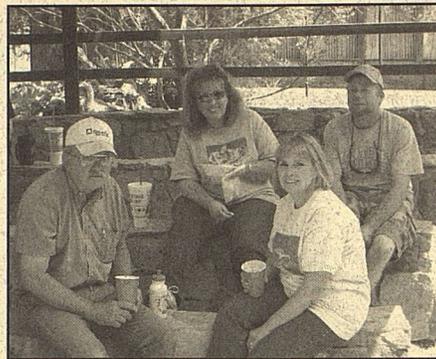
Gail Barnes' "Barn Owl" Birthday Cake

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You can shop at igive.com and if you designate the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, we'll receive a percentage of the proceeds. We've received several checks, and appreciate the patronage of our readers.

Personal notes are always welcome. Carol can be reached at spwrc@suddenlink.net. Please direct all mail regarding volunteering, comments or suggestions directly to the Wildlife Center at spwrc2@yahoo.com

All gifts, Memorials and donations received after June 8, 2009, will be acknowledged in our September quarterly newsletter. If your name or gift was inadvertently omitted, we apologize, and please notify us.



May Volunteer Picnic

1st row: Larry and Gail Barnes;
2nd row: Shelia and Barry Johnson

2009 Junior Volunteer Program up and running

We started our Junior Volunteer program the beginning of June and have eight returning JV's and three returning moms. We also have a new mom with several new JV's and a waiting list.

Returning mothers are Shonnie Collier and her son Landon; Teresa Patino and her daughters Ana and Brianda, and Ruth Reynolds and daughter Kelsey. Our new mom is Beth Hardwicke and her daughter Rebekah.

Our returning JV's are: Evanne Smith; Kalum Patterson; Adrian Smith and Phelan Davis. Our new JV's are: Kailey Jordan; Kallie Scott and Maya Lachman.

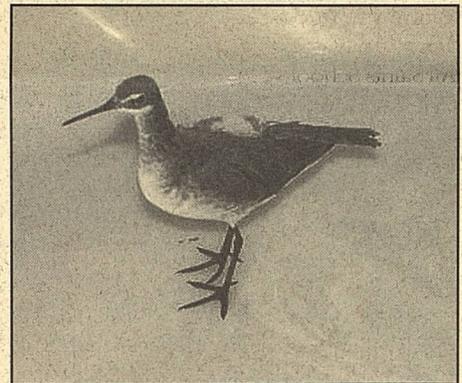
Joyce Dahlbeck and daughter Stacie have now become regular volunteers.

We have a JV waiting list, but program coordinator Gail Barnes still needs more adults to help supervise the young people. She can be reached at the Center at (806) 799-2142.

We also offer field trips to the South Plains Wildlife Center. We have native mammals and birds of prey and other animals like our American White Pelican, "Percy." If you'd like to schedule a time to bring your students to the Wildlife Center call Gail Barnes at (806) 799-2142. A charge is based on number of people.

Adoptions

- Ed Mason and Nancy Ridenour of Albuquerque, NM, adopted "Athena" and "Louie," our two Eastern Screech owls. Sadly, Louie has passed away.
- Diana Gandino of Syracuse, NY adopted "Ollie" our Mexican Free-tailed Bat.
- Melinda Mason adopted "Toenails" our Swainson's Hawk, and also "Ollie."
- Larry and Janis Gailey adopted "Gracie" our Gray Fox for their granddaughter Caisey, and "Ricky" for their grandson Jaxson. All the Gaileys reside in Lubbock.
- Chris and Angela Smith adopted "Gracie," the Wildlife Center's Gray Fox.
- Kathrin Dodds and Chris Taylor adopted "Farley" our Burrowing Owl.



Wilson's Phalarope makes full recovery

This Wilson's Phalarope (small wading bird) was in Gail Barnes' bathtub for pictures only. His wing and bandage had to stay dry for about two weeks. He recovered from his wing injury and was successfully released back to the wild recently.

*Thank you once again to South Plains Veterinary Medical Association for their support of South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc. with a March, 2009, gift in the amount of \$1,500.00. SPVMA has given us a gift in this amount for the last decade and perhaps longer. We are sincerely appreciative of their support of our efforts.

Donations to Honor

Angie Click of Seattle, Washington, made a donation in Honor of her nephew, Chris Funk of Shallowater, TX. He's also a volunteer.

Adam and Mary Jane Scott of Fairview, TX, made a donation in Honor of Hoyle Moss.

Lauran Collins made a donation in Honor of Louise Whatley

Education

Seventeen programs were presented during this quarter to the following groups:

Daughters of the American Revolution
Wildcat Bluff-Pantex, Amarillo, Texas
Trinity Elementary
Ramirez Elementary
Wright Elementary
Parkway Elementary
New Deal Elementary
All Saints School
Full Amor Church
Playa Lake Festival - four programs
Retired Teachers Association-Castro County
Maedgen Elementary
The Plaza, Lifetime Wellness
Haynes Elementary
Llano Estacado Audubon Society

Special thanks to Gail Barnes and our volunteers for their help with on and off site programs.



Katie Stafford shows off our Turkey Vulture as Dorothy Tinkler talks about it's unique adaptations during March 24th presentation for local Audubon group

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Tyla Holsomback
Coby and Neeley Johnson, Slaton, TX

*"What would the world be, once bereft
Of wet and wildness? Let them be left
O let them be left, wildness and wet,
Long live the weeds and the wilderness."*

—Sara Moss-Wolfe

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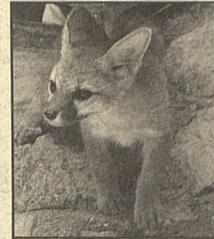


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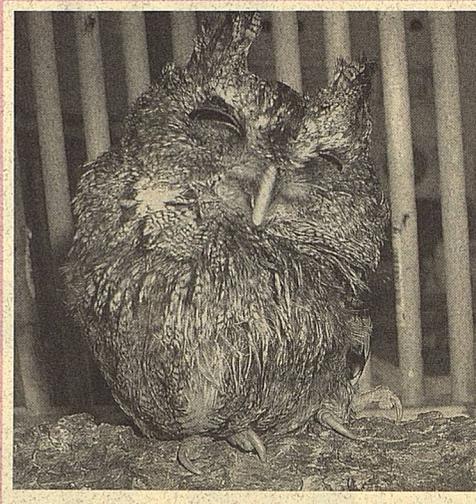
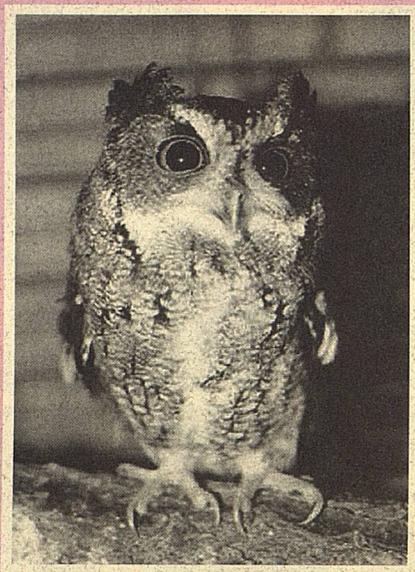
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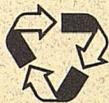
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